

# COUNCIL MEETING – 17 July 2024

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 1. Public Question from Mr C

Chelmsford council unanimously declared a Climate Emergency at a meeting in July 2019 in response to a motion submitted by Cllr Moore, which was adopted in its entirety by the council.

Are the minutes of this meeting correct, that there was no debate by Chelmsford council in relation to this highly contentious and highly impactful proposal?

Is it correct that no evidence was presented, nor discussed, proving that climate change is man-made?

Is this council aware IPCC has not declared a climate emergency ? If so, why does CCC feel the need to declare an emergency?

Does this council still agree Chelmsford council should lead the way with such an extreme position, when the leading authority (IPCC) is yet to publicly agree?

You may think that declaring a climate emergency was not contentious. You might think that the science is settled on Climate Change. But it's not settled. Over 1900 scientists have signed the World Climate Declaration to the effect that there are considerable doubts about whether anthropogenic climate change is the risk it is made out to be by the IPCC

Many factors affect Earth's climate such as:

- 1 Earth's changing proximity to the sun during orbit,
- 2 The sun's irregular orbit within both the galaxy and the solar system.
- 3 the amount of radiative energy emitted by the sun
- 4 The fluctuating amount of water vapour in the atmosphere

There are other features of climate change that CCC were probably not aware of when you declared a climate emergency. Did you know for example:

- 1) that temperature rises lead to co2 rises, not the other way around? (Temps rise and 600 to 800 years later, co2 levels rise).
- 2) that every ice age on Earth has occurred with co2 levels much higher than they are now?
- 3) That cold weather kills 9 times more people than hot weather?
- 4) that there were fears of a new ice age in the 1970s due to falling temps over the previous 30 years?
- 5) that there was a medieval warm period between 1300 to 1500, during which Greenland and Canada had a climate warm enough to grow grapes?
- 6) that there was a Little Ice Age between 1500 and 1850? The 1850 baseline is the point

against which today's temperatures are compared.

7) the earth has not warmed by as much as predicted by IPCC. This is evidence that the factors behind climate change are not fully understood.

The debate is never over and especially not when the science is not fully understood.

Should this administration feel this evaluation of science is beyond their scope of office, I recommend we should follow and not lead the IPCC by revoking the climate change crisis declaration .

If this administration takes no action going forward, I appeal to Cllr Jeapes (mindful that modelling is the lowest form of scientific evidence) that the overview and scrutiny committee evaluates this declaration against the 2019 proposals and the harm to the public.

Evaluation to include:

- 1) The financial harm this declaration brings to residents,
- 2) The regular reviews of the production and consumption of emission with cost comparison consideration when striving for value for money,
- 3) The cost of switching to EVs- both financially and environmentally - when electrical cars that have a far larger environmental footprint than petrol cars.
- 4) How is CCC upholding your modern slavery commitments when we now know that earth minerals needed for EV batteries are not ethically sourced.
- 5) Review how young people have been encouraged into this process. CCC needs to provide balanced information on climate change that is not inducing unwarranted fear and is based on facts not hypotheticals .
- 6) Evaluate the additional cycle use this declaration called for versus the investment outlaid.
- 7) Provide a review of how residents encouraged reduction of carbon emissions
- 8) Review the calls on the government that CCC have made: is CCC in line with the IPCC and was the declaration of a climate emergency an over-reaction that needs to be reconsidered.

My concern is financial waste on expensive and possibly unnecessary changes and since a single schoolgirl's fear was minuted as a driving force for this declaration, perhaps consideration should be given to the increased mental health issues in schools due to the hard push of this narrative.

Did central govt provide any encouragement for CCC to declare a climate emergency in 2019?